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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*

RE: Site Inspection, Georgia Pacific, Eagle Canyon Mine, S/015/050, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: November 17, 1992  
Time of Inspection: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Conditions: Sunny, clear, cold  
Participants: Paul Collins, Georgia Pacific; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

I made a brief stop at the Eagle Canyon Mine site today to evaluate the progress that is being made on that site. The operator has recently renewed activity at the mine site (within the last year). Also, the operator has indicated that the 5 acre limitation has been exceeded and that a mining reclamation plan and surety is now needed.

The operator has already permitted this site as a Plan of Operation with the BLM and maintains a surety (\$20,000) with the BLM and the County. The plan has not yet been approved by the Division.

I met onsite with Paul Collins, equipment operator, who explained the orientation and the future progress that the mine will be making. The mine has exceeded 5 acres; in fact, the disturbed acreage at this time is approximately 10 acres. The operator hopes to continue for a short distance to the east; however, most of the disturbance will continue to the south of the present quarry site.

The disturbance consists mostly of a shallow pit quarry. There are trailers and some tanks on site. No permanent structures have been constructed.

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The operator has indicated in recent correspondence to the BLM, that the operation will continue to the south across a dry, deep drainage. The BLM has asked that the operator address this impact with a plan to minimize the disturbance as much as possible.

The Division needs to follow up with an evaluation of this operation as a large mine operation, the development of a surety and concurrence with the Bureau of Land Management on the surety and plan.

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